

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on March 23, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Michael Lange

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 266, SB 315, SB 335
Executive Action: SB 289, SB 288

HEARING ON SB 335

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:25 Sen. Bill Tash (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 335, Add youth challenge to per educator and professional payments.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:27 Bud Williams, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction
00:05:17 Eric Burk, Montana Education Association/Montana Federation of Teachers
00:06:15 Colonel Jeff Ireland, Director of Manpower, Montana National Guard
00:07:11 Reid Lund, Director of the Montana Youth Challenge Program

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:54 Rep. Everett
00:08:03 Mr. Lund
00:09:35 Rep. O'Hara
00:09:44 Mr. Lund
00:10:09 Rep. O'Hara
00:10:42 Mr. Lund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:53 Sen. Tash

HEARING ON SB 315

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:07 Sen. John Cobb (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 315, Student loan forgiveness program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:14 Scott Martin, Montana State University Student
Representative
00:21:14 Rose Hughes, Executive Director Montana Health Care
Association
00:22:57 Charlie Briggs, Montana Association of Community
Disability Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:01 Rep. Ward
00:25:25 Sen. Cobb
00:26:44 Rep. Koopman
00:28:07 Sen. Cobb
00:30:33 Rep. Koopman
00:31:06 Sen. Cobb
00:33:05 Sen. Koopman
00:34:02 Mr. Martin
00:35:13 Rep. Raser
00:35:57 Mr. Briggs

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:27 Sen. Cobb

Additional Discussion:

00:41:57 Chairman Jore
00:42:12 Rep. Raser
00:42:27 Chairman Jore
00:43:01 Rep. Butcher
00:44:16 Chairman Jore
00:45:11 Rep. Koopman
00:45:57 Chairman Jore

HEARING ON SB 266

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:25 Sen. Jim Shockley (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB
266, Clarify school board member immunity.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:27 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:54 Rep. Cordier
00:51:35 Sen. Shockley
00:51:45 Rep. Jore
00:51:53 Sen. Shockley
00:53:19 Rep. Jore
00:53:23 Sen. Shockley
00:53:31 Rep. Koopman
00:54:23 Sen. Shockley
00:55:32 Rep. Koopman
00:55:50 Sen. Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:22 Sen. Shockley

00:58:17 Break
01:08:19 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 289

01:08:59 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 289 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:09:12 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 289 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(edh62a01)

Discussion:

01:09:38 Susan Fox
01:10:17 Rep. Lake
01:11:39 Rep. Raser

01:13:22 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 289 BE AMENDED** carried by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Lange and Wilmer voted by proxy.

01:14:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 289 CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Lange and Wilmer voted by proxy. Rep. Becker will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 288

01:14:59 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 288 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:15:25 Rep. Lake

01:15:36 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lake made a substitute motion that **SB 288 BE TABLED**. Substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

01:17:35 Adjournment

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh62aad.pdf](#))